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Classic Races in England Provide Ideal System for Selecting Future Sires.

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Author of 'Successful Female Lines' Classifies Modern Race Horses for Breeding.

By FRIEDRICH BECKER.
Special Correspondence to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

HAMBURG, Germany, Dec. 6.—The modern horse has been the result of the stock breeder's ingenuity, and is to be divided into three classes: 1. The sprinter (non-stayer). 2. The horse possessing speed and stamina. 3. The stayer (without speed).

The most typical representatives of Class 1 are those winners of the Guineas who failed to start the Derby, and of Class 2 horses which failed in the classic races, but won the Ascot gold cup or any other important race of 2 miles or over.

The history of breeding clearly makes out that prominent successes at the stud of members of Class 1 were at all times few and far between. They beget, accordingly, a good number of winners, but in exceptional cases only a supreme horse of Class 2. Members of Class 2 are the most reliable contingency to breed superior stock from. Nearly all representatives of Class 2, such as Arthur, Bird of Freedom, Trayles, Mermaid, The White Knight and so forth, prove failures at the stud.

The supreme trials of the three-year-olds in England have been organized in the following fashion: 1. For speed (a) the Guineas; distance one mile; straight course on Newmarket Heath. (b) the Newmarket Stakes. Distance one mile and a quarter.

For speed and stamina; the Derby; one mile and a half over the difficult Epsom course. 3. For stamina and speed; St. Leger; distance one mile and three quarters on the Doncaster course.

It is due to this perfect system that the results of the classic races in England have proved to be reliable pointers to breeders. It has been adopted in all European countries devoted to the cult of the noble horse with the result that the Derby winner (with the usual exceptions from the rule) have proved the most reliable stock for raising the standard to a consistent higher level.

It has happened, of course, that the best three-year-old was not entered for the Derby—as in 1898, for instance, when Jeddah won the Derby, owing to the absence of Cyllene, the easy winner of the Newmarket Stakes, in which case the racing form almost invariably held good also for the class of such contemporaries as stock horses. Likewise, Polymelus' racing form makes him out to have been a better horse than the three classic winners of 1905—Veddas, Clarendon and Chalcabonne. Having won the Guineas, Clarendon, the Prince of Wales, Duke of York Stakes he is as typical a representative of Class 2 as his ally Cyllene.

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I contend that the type of horses of Class 1 is a nervous strength of greater efficiency than its physical power, while in Class 2 both these essential characteristics are nicely balanced. I can explain why Class 1 is inferior to breeding qualities to Class 2. An accumulation of too much nervous power must result in the production of headstrong horses, which are so difficult to train. The essential principle for constant amelioration of a breed is the maintenance of its physical standard, which in no other way is so thoroughly tested as in the European Derbies run over a distance of one mile and a half at top speed from the start to the finish, over the same course, with the participation of a number of the best representatives of Class 2.

Lanark's Old Racing Bell Restored After 40 Years

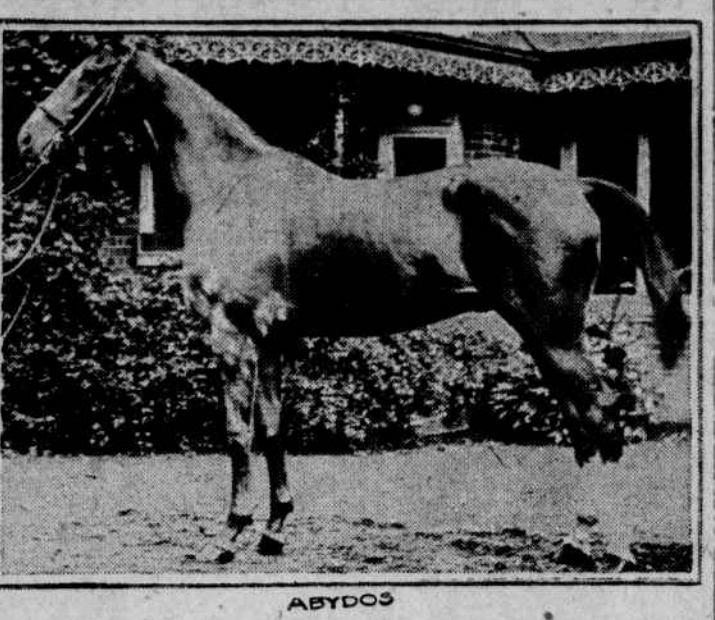
Part of Ancient Trophy Is Found on Battlefield.

After having been lost nearly forty years ago, a silver badge, known to the Lanark silver bell, one of the oldest racing trophies in the world, has just been restored through the St. Andrews Society, who have been successful in their search for the missing trophy. The badge was found on a French battlefield by a Canadian soldier in the great war and was taken to Ottawa and handed over to the president of the society, who, after a long search, has now been restored to the Lanark silver bell.

For a long time it was believed this bell was the original trophy, which, according to tradition, was given as a prize for the Lanark races by King William the Lion of Scotland more than six hundred years ago. And the antiquarians are not all convinced to the contrary, though the bell bears the monogram of two Edinburgh silver-smiths who were admitted to the "union" of gold and silver in 1585. These marks it is now supposed the original bell was replaced by the one now in existence.

After the silver bell was found, a silver trophy prize has at some time been mounted there are numerous small silver badges or shields on which the names of the winning owners are engraved. The oldest of these runs thus: VIN—BE—MR—HIE—JOHN—HAMILTON—OF—TRABROV—1828.

Fashionably Bred Prize Winning Jumper



ABYDOS

ABYDOS, one of the placed horses in the Grafton broad jump at the recent National Horse Show, is an imported English thoroughbred by Cygand, a son of Cyllene that won the Newmarket Stakes in 1921. His dam was Effection II. Herman C. Huffer, Jr., brought the chestnut gelding over

Boston and Philadelphia Out of Grand Circuit?

Belless Harness Racing Likely to Be Abandoned on Two More Eastern Mile Tracks.

By GURNEY C. GUE.

Boston and Philadelphia, having within the last week been added to Poughkeepsie as more than doubtful applicants for Grand Circuit status in 1923, the outlook for the Eastern end of the country's one big league of mile tracks in harness racing is rather dark. The news from Philadelphia is that the old Belmont Driving Park has been leased for a fair ground and that the new management will rebuild the track as a half mile ring. In Boston C. W. Leonard, who financed the belless Grand Circuit meetings at Roadville Trotting Park for several years, has stated that other matters now be responsible for the August races are to go on, and no one has yet appeared who would assume the financial risk.

These prospective withdrawals will leave a gap of three weeks to be filled unless the circuit is to be shortened to the absence of Cyllene, the easy winner of the Newmarket Stakes, in which case the racing form almost invariably held good also for the class of such contemporaries as stock horses. Likewise, Polymelus' racing form makes him out to have been a better horse than the three classic winners of 1905—Veddas, Clarendon and Chalcabonne. Having won the Guineas, Clarendon, the Prince of Wales, Duke of York Stakes he is as typical a representative of Class 2 as his ally Cyllene.

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Century of Harness Racing on Philadelphia Tracks

Quaker City Has Had Mile Course Since 1827.

For the first time in almost one hundred years Philadelphia will be left without a mile track for high class harness racing when the Belmont Driving Park is converted into a fair ground. The Quaker City, was second only to New York in laying out a track for trotting in early days. Its famous Hunting Park course having been built in 1827 on the site of the present day public park of that name. The New York Trotting Course, at Centerville, L. I., near the site of the present Aqueduct race track, was opened in 1828.

The last races at Hunting Park took place in 1850 or 1856. The Point Breeze track, built in 1854, then became the Philadelphia headquarters for trotting. Its checked career continued until about fifteen years ago, when it became a railroad yard. Long before it closed the Belmont Driving Park was built, near the main line of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Numerous other tracks dotted the harness racing map in Philadelphia, but these were the three on which the important trotting meetings were held. Belmont's red first day was in 1881, when Maud S. trotted against time and William H. Vanderbilt with a party of friends went over to see her perform. Miss Goodwin was lessee of the track on that occasion, and it was said he built the Hingham House with the gate receipts of the exhibition. Never a fast track, but the first day was made there, but some red hot racing was seen in the days when the Southeastern Circuit opened at the Pimlico track in Baltimore and early in May when the Point Breeze and Belmont Park in Philadelphia, Fleetwood Park in New York, Franklin Park and Myrtle Park in Boston, Old Orchard and Rigby Park at Portland, Me.

Barn Ride at Durland's.

An indoor hurdle race furnished the thrills of the annual "barn ride" at Durland's on Wednesday evening. It was won by D. C. Fonda's thoroughbred hunter Mavroun, but the real star was William Durland's Tidbit, a pony only 12.2 hands high, that finished second with little Ernest Mudge on his back. Mrs. R. H. Hallett's Yama Boy won the jump competition, with Mrs. L. G. Kauffman's Lady Betty second and Joseph E. Meyer's Eastern Morn third. The barn ride brought out a ring full of sturdily attired equestrians, both men and women. Carl Stoeger and Mrs. Anna Keys won the prizes for the most original costumes worn by any couple while Newton Rice and Miss Abbie Hayler held the prizes for the most original costumes worn by any couple while Newton Rice and Miss Abbie Hayler held the prizes for the most original costumes worn by any couple.

VERY FAST HORSES NEER SO NUMEROUS

Free-for-All Trotters of 1923 Promise Great Harness Racing.

By W. H. GOCHER.

Within a month the harness racing associations will be busy selecting dates and announcing programs for 1923. The Grand Circuit will lead off with a meeting at Toledo the second week in January.

For the first time in years the mile tracks can announce a free for all trotting race and get plenty of racing material to fill it. As Nedda will not be started in competition and there is nothing in the light harness brigade to race with Peter Manning, the horses eligible to classes of 2:05 or better present an array of racing material that has never been duplicated.

Any Grand Circuit track can afford to offer \$5,000 over a \$10,000 event for such horses as Lee Worthy, Peter the Brewer, Cesar Worthy, The Great Vol, Grayworthy, Peter Earl, Great Britton, Bill Shanon, Earl of the Great Vol, and Jeannette Rankin can also be added, even if their time allowance does make them eligible to the 2:06 class in 1923.

Lea Worthy while the mail cannot fail to prove important factors in the 1923 campaign. The speed which both of them showed in the futurities was just as trotters go, and both of them will be raced. Cesar Worthy, Peter the Brewer and Great Britton are a formidable trio. Murphy considered Cesar Worthy a second Peter Manning. While he did well in the futurities, he was only shown his true form in two races at Columbus and in the \$10,000 event at Syracuse.

Peter the Brewer is what the plain everyday folk call a good horse. Like Grayworthy, he won the Charter Oak purse and the Transylvania. If the pair ever meet there will be a track full of people to see them. Both of them have made a record for speed in the past. The Great Vol's flight of speed in the Walnut Hall cup gave him a free for all in the past.

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The tenth series of the Bay State Circuit promises to be almost a duplicate of the one which preceded it. It was organized in 1914, this circuit has paid out \$553,275 at ninety-six meetings and is going strong. Socias are now scouring the country to get the best horses to enter the show. In his futurity showing, when he was first raced, he showed his speed in the first flight of trotters. In her first two races the Great Vol looked like a star. She won the first flight of trotters, but she never recovered her July form.

One by one the communities in which Eastern Grand Circuit tracks were located shut down on cool selling and bookmaking; the vogue of the motor car operated like a blight on the breeding of light harness horses; taxes and expenses were multiplied, and it became yearly more and more difficult for the local driving club or track managers to make both ends meet. What had been the strongholds of the Grand Circuit were now being abandoned. In the past few years the Grand Circuit has been a shadow of its former self. The local driving club or track managers to make both ends meet. What had been the strongholds of the Grand Circuit were now being abandoned. In the past few years the Grand Circuit has been a shadow of its former self.

During the past few seasons Maine and the Maritime Provinces have become an important factor in supplying a superior brand of summer racing. The Aroostook and New Brunswick tracks keep the horses busy from the last week of May to the first of September. In the past few years the Grand Circuit has been a shadow of its former self. The local driving club or track managers to make both ends meet. What had been the strongholds of the Grand Circuit were now being abandoned. In the past few years the Grand Circuit has been a shadow of its former self.

No Favoritism Shown. It was gratifying to see that this policy, although one which I do not approve, is being followed without fa-

Practice at Lake Placid College Swim Revisions Will Aid Olympic Teams

Local Collegians to Spend Five Days There.

Nine members of the Columbia hockey team will leave for Lake Placid Tuesday night to spend five days up-State to some intensive training preparatory to the match with Princeton, January 8, at the new Hobey Baker Memorial Rink. The team will be the guests of the Sno-Birds Club during their stay and will engage in several games with the Dartmouth team, which will also be at Lake Placid during the period.

The players who will make the trip are: Rogers, Rackow, Marshall, Baldwin, Hanson, Wahlg and Gibb. Although four members of last year's squad are among the players, the team is entirely new. Canadian star, considers prospects good. Four veterans available are: Captain Walter Rollins, Dave Rogers, a Canadian; Marshall Baldwin, forward, and Rackow, defense.

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Votes Down Creation of Class for Dog Champions

American Kennel Club Keeps Champions in Open Classes—Two Noted English Amateurs Receive Licenses to Judge Here.

By FRANK F. DOLE.

For if we are going to bar Americans for certain reasons there is no excuse for keeping Englishmen out. However, there are those who feel that it would be better to let all judges and only those who show their unfitness or unworthiness and sometimes over-weight riders, but only reach the conclusion that the horses must earn their feed during the winter and perhaps longer, and the managing the owners, through the Union League Club, are seriously considering whether or not racing will be reopened until better days come.

The entire matter will be laid before the Reichstag at an early date and that assembly has indicated that it will gladly lay aside more serious affairs of state temporarily to save the popular sport if possible.

Members of the Union League Club, after collecting data from all trainers and owners, reached the conclusion that the present cost of a year of a racing animal of 1,500,000 marks and that on an average 50,000 marks must win more than 50,000 marks during a year under the best conditions, while it ought to win at least 350,000 marks. The owners contend that a horse must win one-fourth of the cost of its keep or a stable cannot be maintained.

Ask Reichstag's Aid. As a remedy the owners have sent a memorandum to the Reichstag asking whether or not it would be possible for the State to forego its share of the racing receipts, or at least double the present sum. They also ask that the State order the track management to use more than one-fourth of the entire receipts of a meeting for purses.

As an alternative the owners show that unless the State makes these concessions the sport which has flourished for one hundred years will have to be abandoned. This, they add, would cause a large outflow of German money to France and England, which would lead to the establishment of French and English racing clubs in the country.

A dog trained to curb his temper against the warden of his territory, cannot be expected to show his temper in a show ring when threatened by a judge. His training and not lack of courage are responsible for his refusal to stand up to threats. Therefore the penalizing of dogs for such refusal is unjust.

The Westminster Kennel Club has already obtained the following judges for its show: Mr. Glynn, P. A. Videner of Eddins Park, Pa., who will handle the dogs; Mr. A. L. Hollander, who will handle the cats; Mr. G. G. Glebe, Philadelphia, St. Bernards; Mrs. M. McCurdy, New Brunswick, N. J., collies; Mrs. F. A. Dallen, Boston, Boston Terriers; Mrs. J. H. Hollander, New York, French bulldogs and some other breeds; C. G. Hopton, New York, pointers and setters and possibly others.

This is the first time that the judges of the Westminster show have been chosen by the club. Mrs. Holland is one of the oldest exhibitors of Pekingese. Mrs. McCurdy of collies, and Mrs. Dallen of Boston Terriers. The others on the list have equally strong qualifications and are as good as the show should be one of the most successful in Westminster history.

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Low Purses and High Cost of Upkeep Threaten Sport in Germany.

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